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FUTURE WORK PROGRAM

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1. USMTN DEL (MARSH, SWAIN) MET WITH THE AUSTRALIAN DEL
(SPENCER, HEALY) ON FEBRUARY 10, TO REVIEW CONTENT OF
U.S. OFFER FROM VIEWPOINT OF AUSTRALIAN INTERESTS AND TO
ANSWER TECHNICAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING U.S. OFFERS. THE
SESSION WAS ALSO USED TO DISCUSS A TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM
FOR BRINGING US/GOA BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TO A MUTUALLY
ADVANTAGEOUS CONCLUSION IN JULY.

2. USMTN DEL EMPHASIZED U.S. OFFER WAS PARTICULARLY
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RESPONSIVE TO AUSTRALIAN REQUESTS ON AGRICULTURAL TARIFFS
WITH A SUBSTANTIAL DEPTH-OF-CUT OFFERED ON MANY ITEMS.
WE ALSO GAVE EXAMPLES OF SEVERAL NONAGRICULTURAL TARIFF
ITEMS ON WHICH WE WERE OFFERING A WORKING HYPOTHESIS
REDUCTION AND WHERE AUSTRALIA HAD A SUBSTANTIAL SUPPLYING
INTEREST. OUR GENEROSITY AND FORTHRIGHTNESS IN THE
INITIAL OFFER MADE IT IMPERATIVE THAT AUSTRALIA AND OTHERS

RESPOND WITH MEANINGFUL OFFERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. AUSTRALIAN DEL THANKED U.S. FOR ITS EFFORT TO MAKE A LIBERAL OFFER AT THE OUTSET BUT POINTED OUT THAT U.S. TARIFF OFFERS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WOULD BE OF LITTLE REAL SIGNIFICANCE TO GOA UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY LIBERALIZATION OF NONTARIFF MEASURES AFFECTING CERTAIN OF THESE PRODUCTS (I.E., MEAT AND DAIRY). AUSTRALIAN DEL NOTED LACK OF SPECIFICITY OF U.S. AG NTM OFFERS AND INQUIRED WHEN U.S. THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS PARAMETERS OF SPECIFIC U.S. OFFERS ON MEAT AND DAIRY ITEMS. WE RESPONDED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR THE U.S. TO CONTEMPLATE GOING ANY FURTHER UNTIL AUSTRALIA HAD ITSELF TABLED A SPECIFIC OFFER. AUSTRALIAN DEL COULD ONLY SAY THAT CANBERRA WAS STILL PROMISING AN OFFER "IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE."

4. AUSTRALIAN REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL CLARIFICATIONS WERE FAMILIAR ONES, I.E., BASE PERIOD FOR PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER RULE USED BY U.S., LEGAL RATES OF DUTY ON WOOL AND WOOL TEXTILES, ETC. (SEE GENEVA 2437 ON GENERAL ISSUES RAISED IN BILATERALS ON U.S. OFFERS.) AUSTRALIAN DEL DREW ATTENTION TO ITS REQUEST FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF BUFFALO MEAT INTO TSUS ITEM COVERING GAME MEATS (106.55), AND REDUCTION OF THAT ITEM; ALSO THEIR REQUESTS ON CANNED DECIDUOUS FRUITS AND PREPARED BEEF. THEY PROMISED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FURTHER INFORMATION ON THEIR CONCERNS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

5. WITH REGARD TO A FUTURE WORK PROGRAM FOR THE TWO DELEGATIONS, AUSTRALIAN DEL AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE A SERIES OF TECHNICAL BILATERALS SHORTLY AFTER THE TABLING OF THE AUSTRALIAN OFFER. THEY ALSO CONCURRED THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO HAVE A BILATERAL SPECIFICALLY ON MEAT AND DAIRY PROBLEMS ON THE FRINGES OF THE MEAT AND DAIRY SUBGROUP MEETINGS NEXT MONTH.

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